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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PLANS TO BID FOR LIBYAN CRUDE

1. WE HAVE NOTED PRESS REPORTS THAT JAPAN IS CONSIDERING ENTERING BID FOR LIBYAN CRUDE IN AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 19. IN ADDITION, JAPANESE EMBOFFS CONTACTED DEPTOFFS DECEMBER 15 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF LIBYAN OIL PROBLEM. THEY WERE INFORMED THAT AT LEAST PART OF OIL IN QUESTION IS FROM CONCESSIONS EXPROPRIATED FROM BP AND BUNKER HUNT IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. BP AND BUNKER HUNT ARE PURSUING "HOT OIL" IN COURT ACTIONS IN VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS. USG HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO A NUMBER OF STATES URGING THEM NOT TO PURCHASE OIL, TITLE TO WHICH IS DISPUTED.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE

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